

FYI Forest Grove . . .

CITY NOW ACCEPTING FY 2016-17 COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

The **Community Enhancement Program (CEP)** is open to non-profit organizations, schools or City Advisory Committees interested in undertaking projects to enhance Forest Grove. To be eligible, projects must be located or benefit programs inside the Forest Grove Urban Growth Boundary. The project must not promote or inhibit religion or discriminate based on race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation.

Eligible projects **must meet one or more** of the following goals and priority is given to projects that best meet these goals:

- ◆ Improve the appearance or environmental quality of the community.
- ◆ Reduce the amount or toxicity of waste.
- ◆ Increase reuse and recycling opportunities.
- ◆ Result in rehabilitation or upgrade of real or personal property owned or operated by a nonprofit organization.
- ◆ Result in the preservation or enhancement of wildlife, riparian zones, wetlands, forest lands and marine areas, and/or improve the public awareness and the opportunities to enjoy them.
- ◆ Result in improvement to, or an increase in, recreational areas and programs.
- ◆ Result in improvement in safety.
- ◆ Benefit youth, seniors, low income persons and/or underserved populations.

The following factors will also be considered during the evaluation of the projects:

- ◆ Amount of matching funds
- ◆ Number of benefitting residents
- ◆ Future costs associated with project
- ◆ Amount of public support
- ◆ Correlation between project and Vision Statement, City Council Goals and sustainability.

Maximum grant funding is \$10,000 per project. Applications must be completed and returned to City Hall, 1924 Council Street, by **5 pm on March 31, 2016**. Applications and information is online at www.forestgrove-or.gov/CEPGrants.

The CEP Committee will hold a special meeting on **Wednesday, April 13, 2016**, to hear sponsor presentations of project proposal. Meeting will be held in the Community Auditorium, 1915 Main Street. Presentations should be limited to 4 minutes.

Designated projects will receive grant money after July 1, 2016. **Reimbursement of project costs incurred prior to July 1, 2016, is not allowed.**

The program is funded by a \$1 per ton charge collected by Metro at the Forest Grove Transfer Station. For more information or questions, please contact Paul Downey, Administrative Services Director, at 503-992-3200 or pdowney@forestgrove-or.gov.

FYI Forest Grove ...

Backyard Burning Season Opens March 1

Backyard burning is allowed from March 1 to June 15 but is open and closed daily by the Department of Environmental Quality based on the air quality conditions of the day.

Is today a burn day?
The bulletin is posted on the
web at www.burndaymessage.com

Also see [Open Burning Information](#) on the City's website under Fire Department for more details and safety steps or call 503.992.3240.

Forest Grove Public Arts Commission presents

Meet the Artist Dinner

Supporting *Art in the Park*

Featuring: Amanda Houston

At the Forest Grove City Auditorium

Saturday April 2, 2016 at 6pm

\$45 per ticket Limited Seats Available

An Italian Feast

Antipasti, David's Salad & Rustic Bread

Springtime Veggie Pasta Primavera

Lemon Fettuccini Alfredo w/ Grilled Chicken

Baked Ziti & Sausage Pomodoro

Tiramisu

Local Premium Wine

**A gluten free option is available on request.
Please indicate at time of purchase.*



Tickets can be purchased by calling

Dana at 503-502-3392

or emailing

FGPublicArts@gmail.com



PROPOSED PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING APRIL 11, 2016

Members of the City's Sustainability Commission have been working on a proposed ordinance which would limit the use of plastic bags in Forest Grove.

That is, when you purchase your goods from Safeway, for example, the store must place your purchased goods into either paper or reusable bags. If you do not bring in a reusable bag(s), then the store would use paper bags and charge you 5 cents for each paper bag used. Stores with 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees would be exempt from having to charge the 5 cents per bag.

There are many exemptions to this ordinance. This requirement would only apply to disposable, carry-out bags. It would not apply to plastic bags used for bulk items, wrapping foods, protection from dampness such as flowers, unwrapped prepared foods, bakery goods, prescriptions, dry cleaning or bags sold in packages (e.g. garbage bags).

The intent of the ordinance is to reduce the number of plastic carry-out bags that do not decompose and end up in the environment. It is also intended to encourage people to use reusable bags rather than relying on the use of paper bags. Paper bags require energy to manufacture and while paper does decompose, it takes time and adds waste to a landfill. To help implement this ordinance if adopted, funding has been provided to distribute one reusable bag to each household in the community.



The City Council will hold a **public hearing on the proposed ordinance at its April 11, 2016, meeting**. You are invited to attend and participate in that hearing. A copy of the proposed ordinance can be found on the City's website at <http://www.forestgrove-or.gov/city-hall/citizen-boards-commissions/citizen-bac-sustainability-commission.html>.

FYI Forest Grove ...

**Friends of the Forest Grove
Library invite you to the:
FOREST GROVE LIBRARY**

USED BOOK SALE!



The Friends Spring Book Sale will take place
Mon, April 18, through Sat, April 23,
in the Rogers Room of the
Forest Grove City Library
2114 Pacific Avenue.

Sale Hours correspond to Library open hours:

- Monday through Wednesday, 10-8
- Thursday and Friday, 10-5
- Saturday, 10-3.

Over 13,000 items!

Books, videos, CDs, vinyl records...
all priced to sell!

Tables will be restocked every day.

Membership has its privileges! On
Saturday, April 23, (10:00-3:00), current
members may fill a standard grocery bag with
books and pay just \$5 for the bag full. This
benefit is similar to the bag full sales of the past
BUT current Friends membership is required.
Memberships can be purchased or renewed at
the door of the book sale.

You can help: More than 70 volunteers pitched
in on the last book sale. If you are interested in
helping make the book sale a success, please
call Mike Smith 503 530-9353 or email
m2zsmith@msn.com.

2nd Annual Spring Plant Sale Sister Cities Committee Fundraiser



**12" Hanging Flower Baskets
18" Flower Bowls**

**\$25 each or
\$23 each for 2 or more**

Sister Cities Committee is selling very beautiful
colorful hanging flower baskets and deck bowls to
help fund the sister city student exchanges. The
order form is available at: [http://www.forestgrove-
or.gov/](http://www.forestgrove-or.gov/) or please contact Anna Ruggles, City
Recorder, 503.992.3235 or [aruggles@forestgrove-
or.gov](mailto:aruggles@forestgrove-or.gov), for additional information.

Three different order and pick up options:

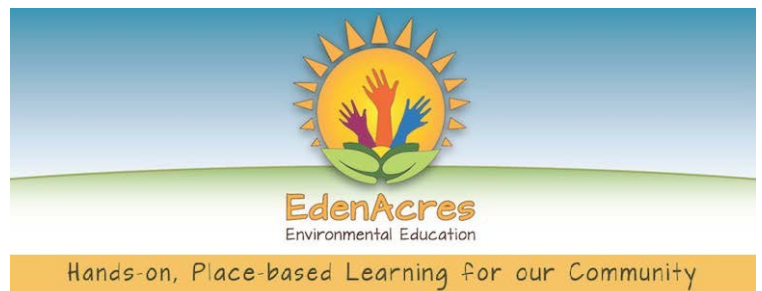
Order by **April 14**, pick up on **April 19**

Order by **April 21**, pick up on **April 26**

Order by **April 28**, pick up on **May 3**

Pick-up will be at the Community Auditorium, 1915
Main Street, on designated pick-up date from 4:30
to 5:30 pm.

Submit Your Order Form Today!



Enrolling Now !!!

Join our experienced educators for one or more
of our outdoor summer camps for ages 3-16.

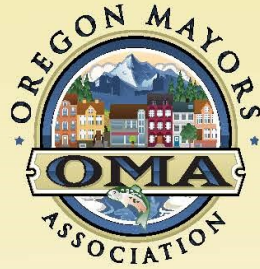
Monday-Friday, 9am to 3pm

For camp descriptions, dates, and to sign up,
visit our website at:

edenacres.org

Summer Outdoors !

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If I Were Mayor, I Would... Student Contest



**The Oregon Mayors Association and your city invite you to enter the
"If I Were Mayor..." contest.**

Share your creative ideas about what you would do as mayor.

Local winners are entered into the state contest for a chance to win an **iPad Air 2!**

CONTEST DEADLINE: April 15, 2016

Contest Rules:

GENERAL RULES:

- All submissions must be accompanied by a completed entry form. All forms for students under age 18 must be signed by the student's parent or guardian. Entry forms may be photocopied.
- Only one submission per student will be accepted at the state level.
- State level submissions become the property of the Oregon Mayors Association (OMA).
- OMA retains the right to publish state-level entries along with the names and likenesses of each student.
- Previous statewide winners may participate but are not eligible to receive prizes.
- League of Oregon Cities (LOC) employees and dependents are not eligible to enter.

First-place statewide winners will receive their prizes during the OMA Summer Conference, to be held July 21-23, 2016 in Lincoln City.

POSTERS:

- The poster contest is open to students enrolled in grades 4 and 5 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2015-16 school year.
- Poster size must be a minimum of 17" and a maximum of 28" in height or width.
- Students are encouraged to be creative and may use any art medium (e.g., poster paints, felt pens, colored pencils, pastels, crayons, three-dimensional art, etc.). The poster may be in color or black and white.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear on the back of the poster.

ESSAYS:

- The essay contest is open to students enrolled in grades 6 through 8 or being home-schooled at the same grade level for the 2015-16 school year.
- Essays must be 500 to 1,000 words in length and typed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must appear at the top of the essay.

DIGITAL MEDIA PRESENTATIONS (video, PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.):

- The digital media presentation contest is open to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 or being home-schooled at the high school level for the 2015-16 school year.
- Presentations must be one to three minutes in length and may be submitted on disk or emailed.
- The student's name and a daytime phone number or email address for their parent or guardian must be written on the disk or disk sleeve.

For more information about the local contest:

SEE www.forestgrove-or.gov/mayorcontest for ENTRY FORM.

QUESTIONS: Contact City Manager's office at 503.992.3234 or bmaughan@forestgrove-or.gov